

Minutes
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3rd Floor
225 North Board Street
January 22, 2019

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a regular scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse, Commission Chambers, with the following board members present:

Wiley Grady, Chairman, (absent)	Phillip V. Brown, Vice-Chair, Dist. 7
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, Dist. 1	Moses Gross, Dist. 2
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3	Mark NeSmith, Dist. 4
Donnie L. Baggett, Dist. 5	Zippy T. Vonier, Dist. 8 (absent)

Staff present was County Manager Michael J. Stephenson, Joe Cargile, Attorney, and County Clerk Twink Monahan. Media present was Pat Donahue, Times Enterprise.

Vice-Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. Motion carried unanimously; Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Rich, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

Vice-Chairman Brown recognized Thomasville City Manager Alan Carson. Mr. Carson stated he is excited about his move to Thomasville. He also looks forward to having a good working relationship with the board as he did in at his previous position in Lexington, NC. The board members welcomed him.

Vice-Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to approve the Town of Ochlocknee's request for a vehicle in excess property for their patrol car in Ochlocknee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Baggett. Motion carried unanimously; Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Rich, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

Vice-Chairman Brown opened to meeting to citizens wanting to address the board. Al Bryan, Meigs GA was recognized. Mr. Bryan told the board programs for fee tax preparation and e-filing, citizens who want to work in the next census, and emergency disaster assistance funding through the Rotary. The chairman thanked him for the information.

County Manager Michael Stephenson gave a brief history of the additional 3% of Hotel/Motel tax added effective 1 July 2016. The following resolution to amend Section 86-140 of the Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance and distributions are agreed upon by the City of Thomasville and Thomas County and will be retroactive to the first collection in July 2016.

Vice-Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Rich who made a motion to approve the following resolution to amend Section 86-140 of the hotel/motel tax ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner NeSmith. Motion carried unanimously; Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Rich, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

Resolution to Amend Section 86-140 of the Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance

Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Thomas County, Georgia that section 86-140 of the Hotel/Motel Excise Tax Ordinance be hereby amended by substituting the section hereinafter:

Section 86-140 Allocation of the Tax. The funds collected pursuant to the tax shall be allocated as follows:

1. 37.5% (3 cents) retained by Thomas County for general purposes.
2. 18.75% (1.5 cents) retained by Thomas County for tourist product development.
3. 43.75% (3.5 cents) to Destination Thomasville Tourism Authority for promotion of tourism and conventions, provided the Authority is an Internal Revenue Service 501-C-3 agency.
4. Any Thomas County ordinance or any section of the Thomas County Code of Ordinances in direct conflict with this resolution is hereby repealed.

This amendment is effective upon adoption by the Board of Commissioners and allocation shall be applied retroactively to all Hotel/Motel excise tax funds collected since 1 July 2016.

ADOPTED this the 22nd day of January, 2019.

County Manager Stephenson reported the Annual Electrical Seminar is scheduled for Saturday February 23. It is hosted by the Building Inspections Department and sponsored by Mayer Electric of Thomasville. He is also going to handle the 'First Responder Critical Incident Trauma' training.

Upcoming committee meetings were announced.

Commissioner NeSmith made a motion to ratify the 1/8/2019 purchase of fuel from Petroleum Products, gas at \$1.5166 and diesel at \$1.8225 per gallon. Motion carried unanimously; Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Rich, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, and Baggett voting aye.

Vice-Chairman Brown recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vonier. Motion carried unanimously; Vice-Chairman Brown, Commissioners Rich, Gross, Hickey, NeSmith, Baggett, and Vonier voting aye.


Phillip V. Brown, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:


M. Twink Monahan, County Clerk